

LANDSFORD CANAL

STATE PARK

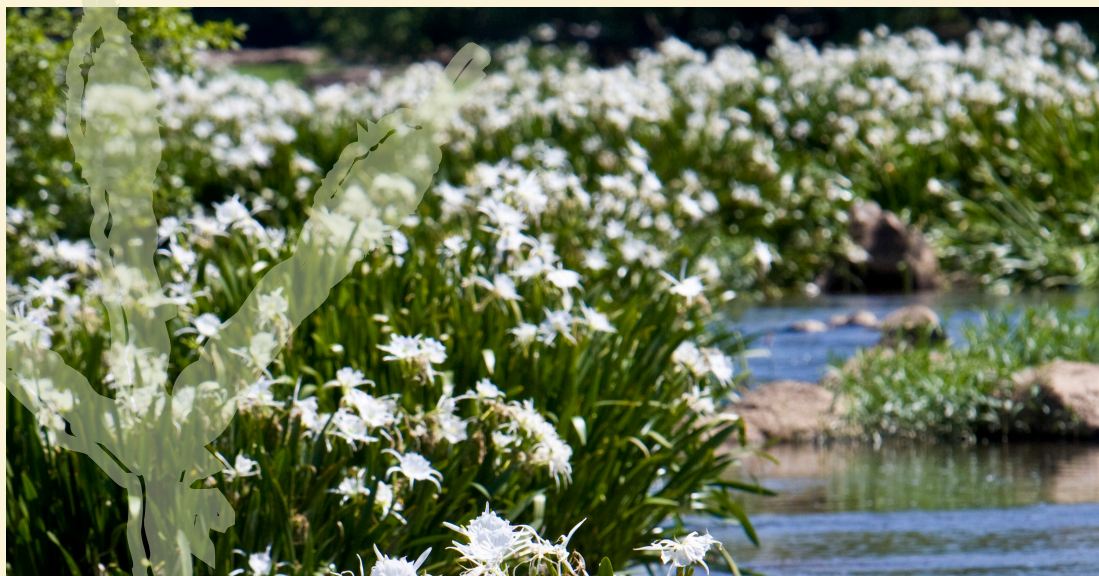
A broad river, rich history and rare, hardy wildflowers come together at Landsford Canal State Park.

Stretched along the Catawba River, the park is home to the well-preserved remains of the canal system that made the river commercially navigable from 1820 to 1835. Locks, a mill site and the lockkeeper's home are among the numerous intact structures from that era.

Out in the river is one of the largest known stands of rocky shoals spider lilies, tough plants that hang tight in the swift water and bloom spectacularly in a huge blanket of white in late May and early June. An easy-to-walk trail along the river leads to a viewing deck.

This crossable spot on the river also played a role in the Revolutionary War, as both British and American troops crossed here before and after pivotal battles.

Fishing, picnicking, nature watching and studying the canal structures all are favorite activities at this park in the Piedmont.



Designation: National Register

Counties: Chester & Lancaster

Acreage: 448

Pets: Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept under physical restraint or on a leash not longer than six feet.

Admissions: \$2/adults; \$1.25/SC seniors; free for age 15 & younger

Significant Natural Features:

This area is home to the largest population of the Rocky Shoals spider lilies in the world.

This large plant has adapted to live in a very harsh environment and puts on one of the greatest natural "shows" on the east coast.

During their peak bloom from about mid-May to mid-June, these plants cover the river in a blanket of white.

Driving Directions: From I-77 Southbound: Take exit 77 to Highway 5 & 21. Turn left (south), travel 16 mi. to the Landsford Canal State Park

sign and turn left. The park entrance is on the left.

I-77 Northbound: Take exit 65 to Highway 9. Turn rt. and travel 2 mi. to Hwy 223. Turn left on Hwy. 223 and travel 9 mi. to Hwy. 21. At Hwy. 21 turn left and travel 2 mi. to the State Park sign. Turn right and the park entrance will be on the left.

GPS Coordinates: Long: 80° 53' 44.61"W , Lat: 34° 47' 6.03"N

Park Facilities and Activities:

Canoeing

Education Center

Fishing: bass, crappie, bream, catfish, carp and gar

Hiking

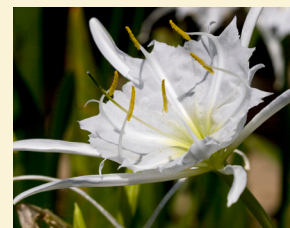
Interpretive Trails

Meeting Building (max. occupancy 70, handicap accessible)

Paddling

Picnic Area/Picnic Shelters

Playground Equipment



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Office Hours: 11am-noon

Park Hours: Daily from 9am-6pm